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Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

RE: THE INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

As requested by the Examiner, submitted herewith are copies of the two non-patent references originally submitted with the IDS of November 9, 2004.

RE: THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter formerly recited in now canceled claim 2 whereby the accepting server of the network service applying apparatus of the present invention uses stored credit information to charge a user for assigning a memory area to the user and for providing a third party specified by the user with network connection service.

It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added, and that no new issues with respect to patentability have been raised since the subject matter added to claim 1 has already been considered by the Examiner with respect to now canceled claim 2.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the amendments to claim 1 be approved and entered under 37 CFR 1.116.

THE PRIOR ART REJECTION

Claims 1-4 were again rejected under 35 USC 103 as being obvious over US 2002/0133412 ("Oliver et al") in view of US 2001/0020242 ("Gupta et al"). This rejection, however, is respectfully traversed with respect to the claims as amended hereinabove.

It is respectfully submitted that the present invention as recited in amended independent claim 1 patentably distinguishes over the cited references in technical terms, based on the following features:

1. The network service applying apparatus of the present invention determines whether to assign a domain name to a user, based on a result of examination;
2. The network service applying apparatus of the present invention assigns a memory area and a domain name to a user based on the examination result; and
3. The network service applying apparatus of the present invention provides the user with an authority to assign an ID and a password to a third party (where "the user" refers to such an individual as has been assigned a memory area and a domain name in accordance with the examination result).

At the top of page 3 of the Final Office Action, the Examiner directs the applicant's attention to paragraphs 1, 17 and 36 of Oliver et al. As pointed out by the Examiner, paragraph 1 of Oliver et al does disclose that the Internet provides a wide number of service and content offerings, paragraph 17 of Oliver et al does disclose a system for managing client accounts and controlling access to resources over data networks which includes a mechanism for sharing client information and charges among a plurality of service providers, and paragraph 36 of Oliver et al does refer to a variety of information sellers and resource providers.

It is respectfully submitted, however, that the disclosure in Oliver et al pointed out by the Examiner is very broad and non-specific in nature, and that Oliver et al does not disclose anything about determining whether to assign a domain name to a user based on a result of an examination as according to the claimed present invention, and does not disclose anything about assigning a new memory area and a new domain name to a user as according to the claimed present invention. In addition, it is respectfully submitted that even though Oliver et al does disclose assigning an ID and a password a third party for the purpose of controlling access to a given domain, Oliver et al is silent about providing a user with an authority to give a right

to assign an ID and a password to a third party as according to the claimed present invention.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that Oliver et al simply does not at all disclose, teach or suggest the features of the present invention as recited in amended independent claim 1, and it is respectfully submitted that amended independent claim 1 and claims 3 and 4 depending therefrom clearly patentably distinguish over Oliver et al, taken singly or in combination with Gupta et al, under 35 USC 103.

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In view of the foregoing, entry of this Amendment, allowance of the claims and the passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned for prompt action.

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